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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

SCHOOL SAFETY EXPERT TO SPEAK AT EIU

CHARLESTON – Russell Skiba, a member of the expert panel and writing team that developed the President's *Early Warning, Timely Response Guide* for school safety, will visit the Eastern Illinois University campus Friday, Oct. 6, to deliver the keynote address for the seventh Stockman Institute Conference, "It Takes a Village...School Violence Prevention."

Skiba will speak from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the University Union's Grand Ballroom. His talk is free and open to the public.

For those who would like to attend a 12:45 p.m. luncheon that precedes his talk, the cost is \$7 per person. Preregistration for the luncheon is required and must be made by Wednesday, Sept. 27, by calling Eastern's School of Adult and Continuing Education at 581-5116.

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Eastern Illinois University emphasizes distinguished teaching in the liberal arts, sciences and selected professions. A traditional, residential state university of recognized quality, Eastern enrolls more than 11,000 students in undergraduate and graduate programs. The university, located in Charleston, also serves the region through a variety of non-credit and off-site degree programs, as well as cultural and recreational opportunities. Eastern's pursuit of excellence attracts well-qualified students of an increasingly diverse population and a teaching faculty active in research and public service who utilize the latest technology.

Preregistration is also encouraged for those attending opening remarks at 1:15 p.m. and the keynote address that follows since seating is limited. On-site registration will be held from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. in the Alumni Lounge on the second floor, east wing, of the University Union.

Skiba is an associate professor in counseling and educational psychology at Indiana University and directs IU's Institute for Child Study. He has worked to develop effective intervention and consultation strategies for children with emotional and behavioral problems.

He currently serves as project director of the Safe and Responsive Schools Project, a U.S. Department of Education Projects of National Significance grant working with five schools in two school districts to develop comprehensive and preventive school safety plans.

Teachers who attend the conference qualify for two continuing professional development units toward teacher certification.

For registration information, contact Eastern's School of Adult and Continuing Education's Center for Continuing Professional Development at 581-5116 or e-mail, cslgy@eiu.edu.

For additional information about the conference, contact Linda Reven at 581-7883 or e-mail, cflmr@eiu.edu.